



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Transportation & Public Works

Date: April 1, 2014

To: Honorable Kevin Reich, Chair Transportation and Public Works Committee

Referral to: Honorable John Quincy, Chair Ways and Means Committee

Subject: Increase Funding for Accelerated Pothole Repair

Recommendation:

Approve resolution increasing Transportation Maintenance & Repair Division's general fund appropriation for fiscal year 2014 in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of providing additional resources to perform an accelerated level of pothole patching for 2014.

Previous Directives: None

Department Information

Prepared by: Michael Kennedy, Director, Transportation Maintenance and Repair

Approved by: _____
Steven Kotke, Director & City Engineer

Presenters in Committee: Michael Kennedy, Director, Transportation, Maintenance and Repair

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ____ Date _____
- Civil Rights Approval Approval ____ Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ____ Date _____

Financial Impact

- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget (00100-6070500)
Dept Name: Public Works: Transportation, Maintenance and Repair Division
Fund Name: General Fund
Amount: \$1,000,000.00
- Action requires use of General Fund Contingency

Community Impact

- City Goals: A City that Works: Infrastructure — streets, bridges, sidewalks, sewers, bike lanes & paths — well-managed and maintained

Supporting Information

Due to the extraordinary 2013-2014 winter season and the effect that it had on City streets, Public Works proposes a plan to accelerate the patch and repair of potholes on City streets and alleys in the 2014 summer season. Working with the Finance Division, it was determined that \$1,000,000 could potentially be made available to provide for additional street repair resources to address potholes and restore pavements and driving conditions throughout the City faster.

The original 2014 approved budget allowed for the Street Department to deploy seven repair crews for the summer. Three of them must be predominantly dedicated to utility cut restoration, but the other four are primarily tasked to perform general patch and repair activities, predominantly pothole repair, and dispersed across the City. This is not enough to meet the needs to restore streets to acceptable conditions this year.

This recommendation would be to provide funding to: provide materials and equipment to reconfigure six of those crews to eight; bring in additional temporary labor to create two more crews; contract for pothole patching services from a private vendor; and utilize construction crews that are delayed for a short period due to weather to address pothole repair in an accelerated manner for two months.

Therefore, it is recommended that the 2014 appropriation in the Public Works Department (00100 6070500) be increased by \$1,000,000; and the Contingency Fund appropriation (00100 1750100) be decreased by \$1,000,000 to fund this initiative.

Resolution By Reich

Amending the 2014 General Appropriation Resolution 2009R-586-2013R-572

Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the above-entitled Resolution, as amended, be further amended by increasing the 2014 appropriation in the Public Works Department (00100 6070500) by \$1,000,000; and decreasing the Contingency Fund appropriation (00100 1750100) by \$1,000,000.